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MSO PITTSBURGH INFORMATION BULLETIN

MTSA Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directives

In accordance with 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 101.405, the Commandant of the Coast Guard has issued eight MARSEC Directives. Although official notice of these directives has been published in the Federal Register, this bulletin serves as an alternative notice that these directives have been promulgated and are available for release to appropriate security stakeholders. Appropriate stakeholders include all those entities that are required to submit vessel security plans and facility security plans under 33 CFR 104 and 105 respectively. Failure to include this MARSEC information in the submitted security plan will result in the plan being disapproved and jeopardize the vessel's and/or facility's ability to lawfully operate.

As these directives are designated as **Sensitive Security Information (SSI)**, a non-disclosure form must be signed prior to receipt by those persons having been determined to be "covered persons" with a "need to know" under SSI guidelines (49 CFR 1520). Persons authorized to sign for these directives must be officially designated Company Security Officers (CSO) or Facility Security Officers (FSO). In the event your organization has not designated a CSO or FSO, the directives may be issued to the Facility Manager, Senior VP or CEO.

Delivery and review of the applicable MARSEC Directives must be completed by appropriate security stakeholders prior to December 5, 2003 and must be physically received at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office (MSO) Pittsburgh or at the River Terminal Operators' Association (RTOA) meeting at Chartiers Country Club on Thursday, December 4, 2003 between 11:30 and 2:00. If using the MSO Pittsburgh location, I request that your organization call and make arrangements to receive and sign for this important information. Persons receiving the MARSEC Directives should have a state issued form of photo identification, as well as a letter of designation as either the CSO or FSO on company letterhead with them. MSO Pittsburgh is located in the Kossman Building, 100 Forbes Avenue Suite 1150, Pittsburgh, PA. Normal business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anyone, who because of special circumstances is unable to pick up the MARSEC Directives by December 5, 2003, should contact MSO Pittsburgh and arrange for an alternate delivery method.

For more information, please contact Chief Petty Officer David Morgan at (412) 644-5808 x 2115.

//s//W. W. BRIGGS
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